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INCREASING COST OF THE BRITISH NAVY.

The increased cost of the British Navy is shown by a comparison of the estimates for 1901-2 and for 1911-12. Ten years ago the estimate was £30,981,315 and for the current year £44,392,500. This indicates an increase of nearly 50 per cent. In addition to the building program there was last year an increase of 3,000 men and boys and this year a like increase of 3,000 men and boys to the personnel of the navy which now stands at 134,000.

On May 24, 1911, the strength of the navy was made up of the following vessels:--

Table with columns: Built, Building, Battleships, Armored Cruisers, Protected Cruisers I, II, III, Unprotected Cruisers, Scouts, Torpedo vessels, T. B. Destroyers, Torpedo Boats, Submarines.

The building of war vessels goes on from year to year and with it there is a constant sending of old ships to the scrap heap. The lifetime of a battleship, cruiser, or smaller vessel is painfully short in comparison to their great cost. Last year seven battleships and two cruisers were converted into hulks, along with numerous smaller naval vessels.

As is well known, both the far southern Dominions have each contributed a warship to the British Navy. These battleships are now building at the Fairfield shipyard on the Clyde.

They are known as the New Zealand and the Australia and were both launched last year, the New Zealand in July and the Australia in October. The design of these ships is similar to that of the Indefatigable as regards armament and speed and the displacement is 18,800 tons each. The first of these ships should be ready to proceed to the Far East where she will be stationed, in September next.

It was in March, 1909, that the New Zealand Government decided to defray the cost of the immediate building and arming of one first-class battleship of the latest type, and also agreed to pay the cost of a second warship of the same type if the course of international events showed the necessity of such action. The New Zealand is intended to be the flagship of the fleet unit to be stationed in the China seas, but will visit the Dominion whose gift she is on her way to the East. The Australia will be the flagship of the fleet unit to be stationed in Australian waters.

The patriotic generosity of the southern Dominions seems in strong contrast with the inaction of Canada so far, but no doubt our own Dominion will yet do something handsome—may it not be too long delayed! For the burden of the British taxpayer has become almost intolerably heavy to support the increasing cost of the navy. Australia and New Zealand have been prompt and have contributed in a way that tends to the immediate, if but partial relief of the British taxpayer.

CHINA AND MODERN MEDICINE.

In nothing more than in the practice of medicine is China behind the western nations. Now a prominent French doctor is going to Tien Tsin to instal an institution of medical science in the hope of conferring great and lasting benefits upon the Celestial Empire. It may be wondered how so many millions of people have managed to get along with such a system of medicine—if system it can be called—as the Chinese have had. Grocers and pedlars are the principal practitioners, we are told, in the rural districts of China. The marrow of tigers' bones is a very popular remedy, while miasmetoc, elephants' hide and all sorts of bone, teeth, feathers, claws, horns, snake skins and pounded worms are believed to possess curative qualities.

The belief is general that all diseases are the work of diabolic agencies, and hence incantations and adjurations are employed to drive out the evil spirits and give the nauseous medicines a chance to effect a cure. Then in connection with the methods of medication there is no surgery at all. Amputations are altogether repugnant to the Chinese mind. In some sections we are told the practice is to pay the doctor only when the people are well, instead of paying for treatment or cure as we do here.

The strange thing about Chinese medicine is that people who are sick and take the crude treatment often recover, whether because of the treatment, or in spite of it, or because of the patients' faith in what is done for them. Possibly if we but realised it, faith may have a good deal to do with the cures wrought in our own country under the scientific medical treatment which our learned doctors bestow upon us. Chinese medicine is about on par with that of the North American Indians when the white man first came to this country, and strange to say, there is still prevalent in some parts of Canada a belief that the Indians were wise in their knowledge of curative herbs and roots.

Many must needs die under the best medical skill, and many recovered in the old days when Canadian doctors practised bleeding and blistering to an extent that would now be counted murderous. Possibly the Chinese are not so much to be pitied as some may hastily conclude.

STRENGTHENING THE NAVY.

The rather sudden call for the construction of additional submarines and torpedo boat destroyers for the British navy probably has its origin in the uncertainty of the relations between the Mother Country and Germany. Very probably the people of Germany as a body are as little

desirous of war as are the people of the British Isles, but the question may not be left for the peaceful workers of the one country or the other to decide. There is a war party in Germany which takes little thought of the wishes of the masses, and the German Emperor knows very well that if he were to precipitate a war with Britain, with or without good cause, his people would rally to the standard.

Strangely enough, the feeling has become widespread in both countries that at some time in the future war between the two countries must come. Unreasonable as this is, it is a source of great danger to peace. The growing fleets and armaments on both sides and the frequent comparisons of their relative armed strength by sea and land keeps the possibility of war always in the public mind and this is a most unhealthy and dangerous condition of things. About the next worst thing to actual war is the belief that a great war is imminent.

At the present time Britain is far superior to Germany in the classes of war craft for which orders have been given to the constructors. Of torpedo boat destroyers Britain has 177 to Germany's 92 and has 23 submarines in commission Britain has 62 to Germany's 8 and has 12 more under construction, but without any certain knowledge of how many Germany is building. Even with Austria-Hungary's 6 destroyers and 2 submarines added to the German fleet, as they might be, Britain would still be well ahead of her prospective enemy in this arm of the naval service. But we may rest assured that the tenders now being called for are not without some sufficient reason. It is, however, none the less pitiful and deplorable to see two great Christian nations thus arming themselves against each other through mutual distrust.

It is reported from Ottawa that the engineers are figuring on a steamer of 10,000 horse power for the Car Ferry. We presume this is what is called the "indicated", or actual, as compared with the "nominal" power of the engines. The Earl Grey has a nominal horse power of 800, and an indicated power of 6,500. The power of the Minto is 216 nominal and 2,900 indicated. The power on which the engineers are reported to be calculating for the Car Ferry would be about 50 per cent more than that of the Earl Grey.

Postmaster General Pelletier talks well about the intention of the Government to extend the rural delivery system, and also the parcels post, but in regard to the latter he seems a little too much afraid of going too far. All will wish success to his endeavors to get lower cable rates for the Dominion.

If there is truth in the old proverb about Candlemas day, yesterday's bright sunshine presages much cold weather yet to come before the winter is over.

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GRAND MEETING OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE

The Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of P. E. Island met in first quarterly session at Clinton on Wed. Jan. 24th, G. W. P. James Hopgood, West Cape, presiding. Officers present were:—G. W. A. T. Humphrey, Wilmet; G. Scribe—J. F. Proffitt, Kensington; G. Treas.—D. N. McKay, Springfield. Appointed Pro Tem—G. Con—Ira McKay, Summerfield; Chap.—Rev. E. S. Weeks, Mt. Stewart; G. Secy.—John Proffitt, Spring Valley; P. G. W. P.—Samuel Bernard, Spring Valley. The following were the sessional committees:—Credentials:—John Cotton, J. D. Smith, J. F. Proffitt. State of Order—Rev. E. S. Weeks, Samuel Bernard, Leslie Woodside. Finance—Ira McKay, Ernest Pickering, John Proffitt, Obi. Tuany—J. Burgoyne, S. Bernard, E. Pickering. Public Meetings—Harry Waugh, Harry Weeks, A. K. Henry. The afternoon session was largely attended, while the discussions which arose marked the proceedings as a gala day for the Order. The matter regarding proposed amendments to our Prohibitory Law to be placed before the next meeting of the Provincial Temperance Alliance received careful consideration. Upon resolution it was unanimously agreed that the whole jurisdiction under the Order in this province would stand by the Provincial Temperance Alliance in seeking and demanding from our legislature the proposed amendments. The Grand Scribe to cite all the lodges. The clergymen all the different churches throughout the province. The following report was read by the G. W. P.:

Clinton, P. E. Island, January 24th, 1912.

Officers and Worthy Representatives: Since we last met in this Grand Division we have passed another milestone on the road of time, and we are now at the first quarterly session of the fifth year of our Order. Our first thought is how good our loving has our Heavenly Father been to his wandering children here below to spare us to meet again and to take counsel together. We thank Him for His care and guidance in the past and hope that He who twenty-five hundred years ago pronounced eternal blessing upon the total abstinence of that time will continue to bless us in our efforts in the cause of Love, Purity and Fidelity. We desire that the deliberations of this day will be conducted with reverent dependence upon the power and wisdom of that Father whose jurisdiction is universal and supreme.

Today we have the pleasure of meeting with Olive Branch Division in response to a kind invitation. Let us endeavor to make this Clinton meeting an impulse for a stronger fight all along the line to turn back the tide of pollution against which we are enlisted. Since we last met we have passed through the turmoil of political strife. We are again quiet and peaceable under a new government. What help our cause will receive from them we cannot yet prophesy.

The progress of temperance legislation among the law-makers of Europe, the increase in the number of the United States adopting prohibition and the local option gains in Ontario in this year are a few causes for congratulation. But, while the efforts for good have resulted in some success, the forces of evil have been active, and the impediments and defects which favor the law-breaker still remain. The sympathy of some officials for the criminals still results in the refusal of constables to act. The same sympathy continues to paralyze the memory of Prohibition witnesses. Year after year complaints are heard that a disgraceful state of drunkenness is conspicuous among a class who render themselves nuisances at tea meetings and other assemblies, and particularly on trains returning from Souris, Charlottetown and Summerside to Timmins. The evil of unrestricted importation of liquors into this Prohibition Province is still permitted by our legislators.

I believe that the office of Inspector should be removed from the arena of party politics and that appointments should be responsible to the Temperance Alliance. Although I was not able to attend the Provincial Temperance Alliance Meeting I was glad to note that they have adopted some amendments to the prohibition law. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that one of our eminent doctors has acknowledged through the Press that they are abusing the privilege which the Prohibition Law gave them by giving too many prescriptions. We need our law amended in regard to this by making it unlawful for a Doctor to give more than one prescription to a family in seven days and requiring that a record be kept of all prescriptions given.

During the quarter I have had communications concerning temperance work from Alberton, Ellerslie, Port Hill, Tyne Valley and O'Leary. At each of these places the outlook is good and I hope that as many new divisions will be flourishing at this time. At O'Leary, I hope this will take place as soon as a good meeting place is secured. Brother Proffitt and myself had the pleasure of organizing a Division at St. Anthony, the name of which is "Welcome." From the material of this Division we regard it as a power for good.

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Order is more than holding its own. I visited Springfield and Western Star Division and found them working harmoniously with good attendance and an efficient set of officers. Star of Hope Division never was as strong, there being the best of order and good programmes. I have no communication from that of Highfield. His letter is of that cheerful type which records success in every department. On Friday evening Jan. 19th, a new Division named King George, No. 274, was organized at Mt. Stewart by Prov. Deputy, Rev. E. S. Weeks B. A. B. D., with a large number and an excellent staff of officers. The organizer speaks very encouragingly of the prospects for the future. I am under much obligation to the G. S. Bro. Proffitt for his cordial support was ever devoted to purposes for good. In instituting Welcome Division his was the address of the evening. At O'Leary Station his efforts contributed much towards making the public meeting a success. A correspondent he has been most satisfactory. In the past quarter this Grand Division has been called upon to mourn the loss of Bro. Henderson of Wiltshire—a faithful member, a respected citizen, an officer worthy of the confidence of his fellows. After many years of labor in the cause of Social Purity here he has been bidden to join the fraternity above, where the pure in heart meet to sorrow no more. James Hopgood. G. W. P. The Com., on the State of the Order submitted the following report:—

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BRAKEMAN'S LIFE WAS CRUSHED OUT. PERTH, N. B., Feb. 2.—Edward King a brakeman on the southbound special freight which left Arrostook yesterday afternoon for McAdam was crushed to death last evening, about half past six o'clock, at Upper Kent. King was a native of Woodstock. He was engaged in the work of switching cars at Upper Kent. In some manner he fell between the cars of the train jolted before he could extricate himself.

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